

**HACKER RESIGNS
DISTRICT OFFICE**

Superintendent of Public Roads Enters Employ of Traction Company.

Superintendent of Public Roads Morris Hacker, for ten years an official of the District Government, has notified the Commissioners that he will resign next month to accept a position of trust with a large corporation now constructing several important interurban traction lines in the Middle West. He now draws a salary of \$2,000, which will be more than doubled in his new position.

Mr. Hacker is a graduate of Lehigh University. He commenced his services with the District in 1887. He is an engineer, and before entering the District Government service was engaged in constructing the trolley line to Chevy Chase.

Friends of Mr. Hacker will tender him a farewell dinner, and present him a big silver loving cup on the occasion of his departure from the city.

**LEAPING HORSE BREAKS LEG;
IS SHOT; RIDER INJURED**

Alfred Davison, twenty-five years old, of New York, was thrown from a horse and severely injured at the Benning race track this morning. Davison was endeavoring to make the animal take a jump when the horse struck the top bar of a hurdle and threw the rider to the ground. The animal's leg was broken and the horse had to be shot.

**Hermann Trial Will Cost
Fifteen Thousand Dollars**

Government Put to Great Expense by Frequent Prosecutions of Unfaithful Employees.

Criminal cases in the last few years growing out of frauds and conspiracies against the Government which have been tried in the criminal courts of the District of Columbia have cost Uncle Sam a pretty penny. In the first trial, cases, which were among the first tried, the Government did not prosecute in vain. In the Machen-Lorenz-Groff cases the Government won out, as it did in the Crawford case, which is now before the Court of Appeals; but in the Greene case and the Barrett-Tyner case the jury acquitted the accused. Beavers, who was indicted with Greene, pleaded guilty. But the cost of these Postoffice cases was almost as nothing compared to what the Government has spent on the trial of ex-Congressman Binger Hermann of Oregon, which is now in progress before Justice Stafford and a jury in Criminal Court No. 1. Hermann stands indicted on a charge of destroying Government records in the shape of thirty-five letter press copy books, which he kept while Commissioner of the Land Office.

Some thirty-five or forty witnesses have been brought here from Oregon and California to testify, and the amount of witnesses' fees and mileage to which they will be entitled, together with the expense of reporting the trial and the pay to special agents to hunt

witnesses will aggregate nearly fifteen thousand dollars. And it may exceed this amount should the Government be called on to pay witnesses for the defense who have been brought here from a distance.

The trial may continue two or three weeks longer, in which event the total cost will exceed the sum mentioned.

The trial of Binger Hermann has excited nothing like the interest that was manifested in the Machen-Lorenz-Groff trial or the Greene trial. Nearly all the testimony has been devoid of anything like sensationalism, and the attendance in the court room for the last week or ten days has been exceedingly small.

**SAY DEPUTY SHERIFF
ABDUCTED GIRL**

NEW YORK, March 9.—George Clotz, a pretty sixteen-year-old girl, of Canton, N. C., suddenly disappeared from her home last week, and today a warrant was issued against Samuel Taylor, deputy sheriff of Asheville county, North Carolina, charging him with abducting Miss Clotz. Taylor is a married man and has a family. He has fled. The girl says she and Taylor were married in Greenville, S. C.

**PAULISTS PLAN
MISSION HOUSE**

Superior General Searle Not to Renew Lease of Present Home.

The Paulist Fathers are planning to build a mission and novitiate house on a site on the Catholic University grounds. The lease of the old Middleton manor house, which they now occupy, expires next year, and it is the intention not to renew it, but have the projected structure ready so as to afford at least a shelter.

In order that the new building shall be commensurate with the requirements of the order, the Very Rev. George M. Searle, superior general of the Paulist Fathers, has made an appeal, the first ever made since the founding of the order, for contributions from friends and well wishers.

The Paulist order will celebrate its golden jubilee in 1908. It was founded by Father Hecker, and its membership is restricted solely to American-born priests.

The superior general has designated the Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C. S. P., 415 West Fifty-ninth street, New York city, as the treasurer of the Paulist novitiate building fund, to whom all donations and contributions intended for that purpose should be remitted.

The intention is to make the Washington novitiate and mission the "mother house" of the order and here all those who aspire to become members of the confraternity will receive their training.

The order publishes the Catholic Review, one of the leading magazines of the Roman Catholic faith in the United States.

**Washington Man Heir
To Estate in Contest**

Attorney William B. Riley Summoned to Ohio to Defend Action Brought by Relatives of Late General Riley.

Attorney William B. Riley, of 456 Louisiana avenue northwest, returned to Washington yesterday after a three days stay in Wellsville, Ohio, where he was summoned as a probable heir of the late General Riley, a friend of President McKinley and a civil war hero. General Riley died in Wellsville several weeks ago, leaving an estate roughly estimated at \$150,000. A large portion of General Riley's wealth was inherited by him from his father, and thereby hangs a tale.

Miss Jane McVey, of London, England, in filing suit for partition or equal division of the estate among the lawful heirs, attacks the legitimacy of the birth of General Riley's father, Thomas Riley, and asks that the estate of the general revert back to the lineal and rightful descendants of the Riley family. Miss Ann McVey and two other sisters of Miss Jane McVey are made plaintiffs in the suit for partition, and subsequently become defendants, each against the other, because of the equal division sought.

Attorney Riley said he left Washington last Wednesday morning to go to Wellsville, where he, as an expectant heir and attorney, assisted in the preparation of the defendants' case. There are three heirs of General Riley in the United States. They are Judge Francis

Riley, of Putnam county, Mo.; Attorney Riley, of Washington, and Charles Daly, of Chicago, son of Lieutenant Daly, U. S. A.

Suit will not be entered by these three at this time. They will answer the suit filed by the Misses McVey and if that contest is settled adversely to their interests they may inaugurate proceedings.

"Something has been said about our not knowing our relation to General Riley. That is not correct. We know the exact relationship but do not care to disclose it at this time. That is a matter at issue in the case and is of course evidence. When the proper time comes, however, we will show the degree of kindred to the satisfaction of all concerned. We have documentary proof of the relationship and when this is shown the court there will be no doubt about the relationship. The legitimacy of General Riley was not attacked, as was mentioned in dispatches from Wellsville. The legitimacy of Thomas Riley, father of the general, is the question raised in this case."

Attorney Riley said he did not know when the case would be called for final adjudication.

EDITOR HELD FOR MURDER.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 9.—Mrs. Brundige, who was shot by Editor Sniff, at Missouri Valley, Monday, died this afternoon. Sniff had been held under bonds of \$5,000, charged with assault to commit murder.

**COPPER TRUST
BALKS ON BILL**

Measure Would Prevent Purchase of Smaller Mines.

DETROIT, Mich., March 9.—Attorneys and directors representing copper and iron mining companies worth hundreds of millions are here today for a hearing before Governor Warner on the Fuller bill that passed the Legislature this week and is intended as a bar to the Calumet and Hecla absorbing smaller copper mines of Houghton county. The governor has not yet signed the bill.

Among those present are Rudolph Agassiz, son of the president of the Calumet and Hecla, and C. F. Livermore, vice president of the company, both from Boston; Frank Bell, of Marquette, attorney for the United States Steel Trust; M. M. Duncan, of Negaunee, manager of the Cleveland Cliff Iron Company.

The Calumet and Hecla people are saying that the United States Steel Corporation has awakened to the fact that the bill, if it becomes a law, will keep other corporations, as well as the Calumet and Hecla, from buying up the stock of smaller mining companies, and for that reason they are as anxious as the Calumet and Hecla to persuade the governor to veto the bill. Governor Warner, without having heard any of the arguments against the bill, is inclined to favor it.

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